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1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION RESPONSIVE TO QUESTIONS RAISED REFTEL
WAS OBTAINED BY EMBOFF IN CONVERSATIONS WITH RENE PINEDA MEJIA,
VICE MINISTER, MINISTRY OF FINANCE, AND WITH AN OFFICER OF A
MAJOR US FIRM INVOLVED IN TRANSPORTING BULK CARGOES IN CENTRAL
AMERICA.

2. HONDURAS LEVIES NOMINAL FEES, RELATED TO SERVICES RENDERED,
BUT NO GENERAL TAXES, ON INSTRUMENTS OF FOREIGN COMMERCE ARRIVING
FROM OTHER COUNTRIES AND/OR TRANSITING HONDURAS. GENERALLY,
THE VEHICLES AND CONTAINERS ARE EXEMPT FROM TAXES, ESPECIALLY
THOSE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL CARRIERS PROVIDING SCHEDULED
SERVICE.

A. FOLLOWING NOMINAR CHARGES APPLY TO SURFACE TRANSPORT:
PLATES FOR FOREIGN TRUCK-TRACTOR \$22.50 FIRST YEAR, DIMINISH-
ING TO \$18, \$15 AND \$12 IN SECOND TO FOURTH YEARS. PATES FOR TRUCK
TRAILER, \$3 PER YEAR. FOR SECURITY GUARD AND BOND SEAL PROVIDED
TRUCKS AND TRAILERS IN TRANSIT, FEES DEPEND ON DURATION OF STAY
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AND MILES COVERED IN TRANSIT AND CLOSELY RELATE TO COSTS FOR THIS
SERVICE. THIS LATTER SERVICE IS NECESSITATED BY HIGH RISKS OF
PILFERAGE, THEFT, AND CONTRABAND.

B. AIRCRAFT ARE SUBJECT TO NOMINAL LANDING CHARGES RELATED
TO COST OF SERVICES PROVIDED, WHICH RANGE FROM 10-20 DOLLARS FOR
LIGHT AIRCRAFT TO 20-30 DOLLARS FOR MULTI-ENGINE AIRCRAFT.

C. MR. PINEDA FURTHER ADVISED THAT GOH LEVIES NO TAXES
OR FEES ON CONTAINERS, AS SUCH. WITH REGARD TO RETALIATORY TAXES,
HE ASSURED THAT GOH REGULATIONS PROVIDE AMPLY FOR PROMPT
RETALIATION IN KIND IN EVENT FOREIGN STATE IMPOSES UNWARRANTED
TAXES ON HONDURAS CARRIERS.
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